

NEWS SUMMARY.

The National Council of the Union League of America yesterday evening elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Hon. John W. Geary, Pennsylvania; Vice-Presidents, Charles W. Goddard, New York, and C. A. Stedwell, Florida; Recording Secretary, Thomas G. Baker, New York; Corresponding Secretary, Samuel F. Green, New York; Treasurer, William V. Alexander, New York; Marshal, W. Howard Day, Maryland; Sergeant-at-Arms, Samuel Smith, New York.

A meeting of the proprietors of the street-corner oyster wagons was held last evening at Bardsley Hall, Pine street, above Sixteenth, to organize themselves, in order to prevent, if possible, the passage of an ordinance by Councils requiring the removal of the wagons from the streets. Mr. Stephen Gordon was elected President. George Cucknell, Secretary, and Edward Hastings Treasurer. A committee consisting of Messrs. Stephen Gordon, James Robinson, Edward Hastings, and Edward Daffy, were appointed to provide for the next meeting, and instructed to have circulars printed, and take such measures as may be necessary to provide for a general meeting of oystermen. The meeting then adjourned until Tuesday, 27th inst.

At the meeting yesterday of the Directors of City Trusts, 11 orphans were admitted into Girard College, and it was determined to keep the number of inmates up to 550. The rewards of merit will be distributed at the college on December 30. There being no applicants for the fund bequeathed by Benjamin Franklin, the board determined to apply to the Legislature for authority to make the charity operative by increasing the amount to be loaned and taking real estate for security.

The French Fair opened last evening to a crowded audience. The ceremonies consisted of an opening address by Mayor Fox, the singing of the "Marseillaise Hymn" by Albert Durand, and a promenade concert.

The Fair at Horticultural Hall, in aid of the Baptist Home for the Aged and Infirm, appears to be a great success, and will continue open until Saturday night.

Domestic Affairs. —There is a great scarcity of salt in Nashville, Tenn.

Hon. C. C. Bowen, of South Carolina, was held in the sum of \$5000 at Washington yesterday upon the charge of bigamy.

Congress has resolved to take a recess through the Christmas holidays, adjourning on the 22d inst. to reassemble on the 4th of next January.

The late General Agent of the American Press Association denounces as stale forgeries the foreign news now published by papers of that organization.

A resolution impeaching Governor Holden, of North Carolina, of high crimes and misdemeanors was reported yesterday by the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature, and passed the House by a vote of 60 to 43.

In the United States Senate yesterday, after the close of our report, the bill of last session to secure efficient seamen for the navy was passed, with amendments. On motion of Mr. Harris, the Commerce Committee were instructed to consider the expediency of constructing a ship canal from the Mississippi river, near New Orleans, to a point near Breton Island, in the Gulf of Mexico. Pending consideration of a bill to pay a claim of \$25,000 for a license destroyed during the war at Paducah, Ky., the Senate adjourned.

In the House, the Amnesty bill was considered. It excepts several classes. It also went over until to-day. Mr. Dawes, from the Appropriation Committee, reported the Legislative Appropriation bill. It appropriates about \$20,000,000. Mr. Townsend introduced a bill amendatory of the Judiciary act of 1840.

THE WAR.

LAST NIGHT'S DESPATCHS. DISPATCH FROM KING WILLIAM.—REPORTED COMMISSIONERS OF THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT AT LONDON, Dec. 13.—(Special to the New York World.)—The clubs are greatly excited over the report that an important dispatch was received in London to-day from King William, in which Prussia would no longer respect the neutrality of Luxemburg, and would proceed to effect the annexation of that State to the German empire. Another rumor states that the dispatch relates to the bombardment of Paris, which is now commenced.

A private dispatch received from Moug, to-day, states that a large force of Prussian troops, under the command of General von Moug, has entered Chauxy, and that the dispatch officer, General Chauxy, makes it certain that the Germans have grossly misrepresented the result of the actions near Besangny. The truth is that the losses were severe (over 10,000) during the six days that the Bavarian divisions refused longer to continue the struggle, and were allowed to retire to Orleans. This so weakened the Prussian army, that the 5th advance on Blois was abandoned, while his situation is threatened. The four corps under De Chauxy, are in an extremely good position.

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King William is excessively anxious to return home, and has been making the most strenuous efforts to get the German troops on account of the cold. It is reported at Bordeaux that General Bourbaki repulsed the Prussians yesterday.

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AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE.

THE PROPOSED CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY AT PHILADELPHIA.—SPEECH OF HON. LEONARD MYERS IN CONGRESS YESTERDAY. Mr. MYERS, of Pennsylvania, addressed the House in support of the bill. He said: Mr. Speaker: In a little more than five years hence America will witness the most remarkable celebration that history will have to record, the hundredth birthday of a Republic which has done more good for mankind than ever before was accomplished by any government. It will be a day of such advancement, not only in freedom, discovery and science and civilization as was never dreamed of by the wildest enthusiast. National holidays are the well-springs by which a people drink new life, remembering the sources of their happiness, and this great holiday will recall and reiterate for posterity the noble deeds of our fathers, and the great principles which they founded a government in which liberty was the corner-stone, and mankind the only title to preference. The joy at this event will be universal in this favored land, and will extend to the remotest of the world, and in gratitude for the wide spread blessings which have followed that declaration of independence, to which the annals of the world afford no parallel.

Where the flag of the Union floats this celebration will take place. None so humble upon whom its title is conferred, as to exceed as to be prouder than the rest of its glorious position. It will tell of a nationality now of a Republic vindicated in the eyes of the world, and standing aloof from the quarrels of the old world, of honorable battles when we became a necessity, of arms fostered, of handsy planting, of the great principles which we have inherited, and finally, when internal strife arose from the only blot on our civilization, it will register the story of a people redeemed, reunited, and henceforth united in the same glorious purpose. The American people, wherever they are, should be proud to commemorate the time, an international exhibition, where not only the United States but other lands shall bring forth some of the best of their products, and where they shall witness the gifts of the nations; where manufactures, the prohibition of which was a fruitful cause for the colonies to rebel, will contribute their share to the grand display, and from which it is hoped that other lands may learn the lesson of unity and peace.

There is but one place where this national observance of our centennial anniversary can properly be held. A nation created and preserved will not by legislative decree celebrate its birthday at a locality other than that which it occupies. Especially will it not do so, when every incident and adjunct united with every association in rendering this birthday a most admirable occasion. My colleague, the chairman of the Committee on Manufactures, Mr. Morrill, has spoken of the many advantages which Philadelphia presents for the occasion. All concede that this city is the only one where the three great steps were taken which gave us these hundred years of prosperous life. There the first Congress met to determine our independence, which rendered necessary our separation from the mother country, a body of whom Lord Chatham said of Franklin, "they were the most honorable assembly of men I ever knew."

There, two years later, in letters which kings might read from afar, John Hancock, with the great mind which has been the glory of our country, and with Jefferson, Franklin and Adams, Lee and Sherman, and the rest set their names to the Declaration of our Independence. There, eleven years later, still when the consideration of our safety and interest, Washington presided over the convention of wise and patriotic men which framed the Constitution, and gave to our country a form of government which has proved itself to be the best that has ever been devised for the people of any nation.

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steamer, —Miss Mary Fernandez, Mrs. Sarah Miller, Mrs. C. B. Ash, Mrs. M. E. McCuller, A. Mood, and Frank Cooker. Steamer Novelty, Shaw, 30 hours from New York, with mail, to W. M. Baird & Co. Steamer C. Comstock, Drake, 34 hours from New York, with mail, to W. M. Baird & Co. Steamer W. Williams, Riggs, 15 hours from Baltimore, with mail, and passengers to A. Groves, Jr., Mr. Brig Coffin, Coffin, 10 days from Windsor, N. S., with plaster to South & Adams. Steamer G. B. Somes, Pray, 7 days from Bangor, with potatoes to Lenox & Turgis. Schr. Etta Hall, Maxson, 1 day from Frederica, Del., with wood to T. T. Conquest. Schr. Ariadne, Thomas, 1 day from Smyrna, Del., with grain to John L. Redner. Schr. Olive, Fox, 1 day from Odessa, Del., with grain to John L. Redner—not as before. Schr. Bird, Duffell, 1 day from Lewes, Del., with wood to T. T. Conquest.

Correspondence of The Evening Telegraph. EASTON & McMAHON'S BULLETIN. NEW YORK OFFICE, Dec. 14.—Three barges leave in to-night for Philadelphia, light. BALTIMORE BRANCH OFFICE, Dec. 14.—The following barges leave in to-night, eastward: —Sara Doherty, Resene, B. Van Vliet, Experiment, United Brothers, F. H. Jackson, Oranito, Alexander Toms, Mary Elizabeth, James Leighton, and Colonel White, all with coal, for New York. Catherine Terrence, with coal, for Bridgeton. T. Campbell, with coal, for Philadelphia. Philadelphia, Dec. 14.—The Melissa, with coal; W. S. Barton, with pig iron; and a barge, light, for Baltimore, left this port last evening. L. S. Co.

LEWES, Del., Dec. 14.—The Howard pilots report went to sea yesterday, Dec. 13, at night, a bark bound up, and a light brig at Fourteen-foot Bank, do. Passed out this A. M., ship Martha Bowker. Ship research left for Philadelphia this A. M. under sail. The America is coming in the Capes with a large bark in tow. A light bark, with green hull, is beating in. Two ships in harbor.

MEMORANDA. Ship Tuscarora, Knowland, for Liverpool, cleared at Savannah 13th inst. Ship Royal Sovereign, Ogilvie, for Philadelphia, cleared at Liverpool 13th inst. Ship steamer Tripoli, Sowerby, for Liverpool via Havata, cleared at Boston 13th inst. Mr. steamer City of Limerick, from New York for Liverpool, cleared at New York 13th inst. Mr. steamer Avon, from New York via London, at Havre 26th inst. Mr. steamer Ottawa, Aker, from Liverpool 24th inst. Mr. steamer Baltimore, at New York 24th inst. Mr. steamer Wm. E. Evans, Hineley, from Charleston 22nd inst. Mr. steamer Philadelphia, with 300 bales upland cotton, 37 bbls. naval stores, 236 pkgs. U. S. Quartermaster stores, 3 bales hides, 69 do. domestics, and 40 pkgs. iron, cleared at Philadelphia 13th inst. Steamer J. S. Green, Vance, for Philadelphia, did not reach Richmond 12th inst. Steamer Virginia, Hunter, hence, at Charleston yesterday. Steamer Norfolk, Platt, hence, at Norfolk 12th inst. and sold for Richmond. Schr. Star, Olsen, for Philadelphia, did not reach Havana 5th inst.

Bark Zuluza, from Leghorn for Philadelphia, was spoken Dec. 12, at 31 1/2 long, 32 1/2 lat. Barke Star, Strydom, Corning, hence, at Stettin 25th inst. Barke Star of Hope, Peterson, hence, at Stettin 34th inst. Barke Savannah, Seafie, hence, at Port Spain 10th inst., and remained 23d discharging. Barke Queen of the Fleet, McCleod, hence, at Cuxhaven 26th inst. Barke Charlotte, Steff, hence, at Stettin 26th inst. Barke Damon, Petrons, from London for Philadelphia, at New York 26th inst. and proceeded. Barke Burton, Hay, hence for Antwerp, cleared at Queenstown 14th inst. Mr. brig Sea Breeze, Moffatt, hence, at Barbadoes 14th inst. Mr. brig Zavalta Williams, Shea, hence, at Barbadoes 14th inst. and sailed for Port Antonio. Schr. John L. Fiske, Chase, from New Castle, Del., at Newport 14th inst. Schr. Fanny, Hammer, Brooks, hence, at Pawtucket 12th inst. On the 6th inst. in the Capes of Delaware, had many blows away. Schr. Mary and Francis, McCandless; Mary E. Simmons, and Charles, Home, both inst. not stated. Schr. Maria, Warner, Nickerson, hence for Bridgeton, Annapolis C. Pratt, hence for Boston, at New York 12th inst. Schr. Mary Ella, Thomas, from New Castle, Del., for Salem, and Amelia, Post, from Newburyport for Delaware City, in the Home, both inst. Sailed, Louis F. Smith, Cric, hence for Boston.

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TRUSTEES. William H. Hamilton, Charles F. Bower, John Carrow, Joseph J. Wood, George I. Young, Robert Shoemaker, Jos. R. Lyndall, Peter Armbruster, Levi P. Coate, M. H. Dickinson, Samuel Sparhawk, Peter Williamson, Joseph E. Schell.

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Losses paid since organization \$23,000,000 Receipts of Premiums, 1869 \$1,991,837.45 Interest from Investments, 1869 114,696.74 Total \$2,106,534.19 Losses paid, 1869 \$1,035,386.84

STATEMENT OF THE ASSETS. First Mortgages on City Property \$706,420 United States Government and other Loan Bonds 1,123,846 Railroad, Bank, and Canal Stocks 56,708 Cash in Bank and Office 247,220 Loans on Collateral Security 32,508 Notes Receivable, mostly Marine Premiums 321,944 Accrued Interest 29,257 Premiums in course of transmission 85,198 Unsettled Marine Premiums 100,900 Real Estate, Office of Company, Philadelphia 30,000 Total Assets Jan. 1, 1870 \$2,783,581

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